

Lake Tahoe
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Dear Aaron-

When we get back to Berkeley in about a week, I'll try to compose a 10-page letter to describe our trip, and the people who have asked about you from Denver to Pacific Grove (including the Blair-Wasserman company whom we had great fun visiting). Meanwhile, the urgent business of this letter concerns Ellis Englesberg.

We passed through Berkeley last Friday, and were disappointed to learn from him that he had not received the PHS fellowship on which he had hoped to visit Madison. Should I (or you) suggest to him that he apply to the Institute? You must know his qualifications and interests better than I do. We talked about this before in a conjectural way, and I thought it would be a good idea to let you know that his plan to work with me had fallen through, and that I have no alternative in sight. If his ability matches his obvious enthusiasm, it would be a pity if he were lost to microbial genetics by this accident.

The kodachromes of the virus meeting came out surprisingly well, but we have not had uniformly good luck on the trip - one roll broke in the camera, and was almost completely lost (unfortunately including our best pictures of the impromptu virus meeting in Denver), and some of the others were aligned so poorly that the Kodak company refused to mount them in kodaslides, although they can easily be managed by hand. Picture snapping is great fun, but it will probably break us.

Except that it is quite true, I will not say that we wish you were here.

Sincerely,